

**State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner
Health Insurance Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2013, 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
State of Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 73-1
Cranston, RI 02920-4407**

Attendance

Members

William Martin (Co-Chair), Christopher Koller (Co-Chair), Stephen Boyle, Hub Brennan, Karl Brother, Howard Delude, Karen Fifer Ferry, Herb Gray, Al Kurose, Linda Lulli, David Mathias, Pat Mattingly, Tim Melia, Phil Papoojian, Peter Quattromani, Ed Quinlan, Bill Schmiedeknecht, Vivian Weisman

Issuers

Lauren Conway, Gus Manocchia, Craig O'Connor, Patrick Ross

State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Staff

Herb Olson, Linda Johnson, Kim Paull, Patrick Tigue, Maria Casale

Not in Attendance

Wendy Mackie

Minutes

1. Introduction and Welcome

Mr. Martin and Commissioner Koller called the meeting to order and welcomed all Health Insurance Advisory Council (HIAC) members and others in attendance.

2. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the March 19, 2013 HIAC meeting were reviewed and approved with two changes: (1) Mr. Schmiedeknecht's first name was added to the attendance list and (2) Mr. Brother's request that OHIC instruct issuers to submit baseline data as a part of the implementation of the primary care provider designation law was inserted.

3. Office Updates

Commissioner Koller informed the council that he has accepted a new role as President of the Milbank Memorial Fund that he will transition to in July 2013 after the conclusion of the 2013 rate and form review processes. He noted that Governor Chaffee has expressed an interest in continuing the current trajectory of the office and in appointing a new Health Insurance Commissioner who will do this. Finally, Commissioner Koller encouraged members of HIAC to offer suggestions about possible candidates for Health Insurance Commissioner in the coming weeks and noted that he expects the appointment to be made by September 2013.

Commission Koller also informed the council that the office's most significant operational priority right now consists of the 2013 rate and form review processes with the rate review process being managed by Patrick Tighe and the form review process being managed by Linda Johnson. These processes will be complete by June 2013.

4. New Business

Next, the council proceeded to take up two pieces of new business.

- **Rhode Island Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative Update:** Commissioner Koller informed that council that Dr. David Keller, Co-Director of the Rhode Island Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative (RI-CSI), had sent his apologies to the council that he was, unfortunately, unable to attend the meeting as planned. It was noted that Dr. Keller looked forward to attending a future meeting to update the council on RI-CSI.
- **Question and Answer Session with Steven Costantino Secretary, State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services:** Commissioner Koller began by explaining that Secretary Costantino had been called to the General Assembly and so would be unable to attend the meeting as planned. He then welcomed Elena Nicollella, Medicaid Director at the State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), who attended the meeting in place of Secretary Costantino. The council then began a question and answer session with Director Nicolella.

Director Nicolella began by giving an overview of the state Medicaid program. She explained that Governor Chaffee and Secretary Costantino have both expressed support for expanding Medicaid to adults without dependents up to 133% of the federal poverty level. Director Nicollella expects approximately 50,000 individuals to enroll in Medicaid over the next few years with approximately 20,000 enrolling in 2014.

Following this, the council and Director Nicollella engaged in a broad discussion of issues related to interaction of the commercial market and Medicaid. In the course of this discussion, issues addressed included: whether or not there is a cost shift from Medicaid to the commercial market, how alignment between commercial and Medicaid payment reform efforts could be best achieved, which ideas from the state's recent Medicaid 1115 Waiver Demonstration Extension could be best applied to the commercial market, and

the features of Medicaid's Communities of Care program that could be best applied to the commercial market.

5. Other Business

Public comments were then solicited by the council. None were offered.

6. Next Meeting

Mr. Martin closed by noting that the council's next meeting will take place on May 21, 2013 from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the State of Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, located at 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 73-1 in Cranston. He thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was then adjourned by Mr. Martin and Commissioner Koller.